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The trend in ufology over the past 10 years has been to associate UFOs with ghosts and fairy lore. There have been quite a few books and articles written on this subject, providing the reader with comprehensive proof along these lines. But, with this association of UFOs to ghosts, there seems to be the attitude that one must believe it is so.

Let me advise that from 1947 through 1952, a study of the data at

hand assured us that flying saucers were from Mars.

Nothing in ufology is assured. Being a student of ufology for forty-five years, one must be very leery of claims made and proclaimed as "the truth".

This proclamation of UFO "proof" is not new to this enigma. the course of forty-five years of research, ufology has gone through hundreds of changes of attitudes. It is because of these many changing claims that many in ufology become disenchanted with the subject as a whole, and drop out of active research and investigation. Perhaps the best advice for one so confused and disheartened would be to ignore all of the back and forth speculation, and to continue on one's original course of investigation.

If one has doubt, go back to the beginning and read the first accounts of "flying saucers". Books, such as They Called Them Discs, and The Saucer Saga, were compiled to preserve historical data.

We at UAPA are proud to preserve the early history of the UFO enigma.

No one, except UAPA, will continue the fight to preserve the idea

that UFOs are the greatest enigma of all times.

The UAPA has three separate lists that you the reader may request. They are (1) UFO book list and related material, (2) UFO magazine list and related material and (3) Fate magazine list. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

Finally, elsewhere in this issue is a listing of available FSD back This list offers a 20% to 30% discount on back issues. I'm

sure many subscribers will want to complete their collections.

And speaking of back issues, our Spring 1992 issue marked UAPA's 25 years of publishing Flying Saucer Digest. Believe it or not, our entire staff let this important anniversary pass without realizing it. Anyway, a belated happy, happy to us!

Good UFO hunting until next time...

A.J.M.

UFO REPORTED IN PEKIN, IL

A UFO allegedly was sighted Wednesday morning by a woman who refused

to give Tazewell County deputies her name.

She told deputies that she was driving on Illinois Route 122 about 10:30 a.m. between Delavan and Illinois Route 29 when her car radio turned to static and her car started "stuttering as if it were going to die." About 30 to 40 feet above her car, she said she saw a round silver object, reports said. Pekin Times 3/11/92



UFO BITS AND PIECES

UPDATE ON 1992 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

The National UFO Conference (NUFOC), founded in Cleveland, Ohio in 1964, is the oldest organization in America sponsoring annual UFO conventions. This year's convention will be our 29th. It will take place in scenic Tallahassee, Florida, with speakers sessions all day on Saturday, October 24th and Sunday, October 25th, at the Holiday Inn, located at 1302 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32301. The convention rate at this motel is only \$40.00 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 904-877-3141.

Speakers lined up so far include local host Ed Komarek, who owns a 60-acre farm about 20 miles from Tallahassee. The unique feature of this convention will be a sky watch there on Saturday evening, including also a <u>fire walk</u> and opportunities to attempt individual or group contacts with extraterrestrials! Participants in the convention will be welcome to camp out at the farm overnight, if they wish.

Other speakers will include Jim Moseley, Permanent Chairman of the National UFO Conference; Don Ware, Eastern Regional Director of MUFON; Rick Hilberg, co-founder of the NUFOC; Elaine Douglas of Washington, D.C. MUFON; famed UFO lecturer Steven Greer (probable); contactee and author Bill Clendenon; Tim ("Mr. UFO") Beckley; and several others.

The four public sessions of the convention will be Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon. There will be a \$10.00 charge at the door for each session, or you can buy an advance ticket for all four sessions for only \$30, up until October 1st. After that, advance tickets will be \$35 each. Send your check or money order for advance tickets to Ed Komarek at the address below.

If you need further information, Ed Komarek can be reached at: Route 3, Box 1076, Thomasville, Georgia 31792. Phone: 912-377-7098. Jim Moseley can be reached at: P.O. Box 1709, Key West, Florida 33041. Phone: 305-294-1873.

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READERS SAY

Some time ago, I guess it was in the late sixties, there was a story going around in England about flying saucers found in many different places. If I remember correctly, these saucers were about three feet in diameter and were never explained. Could you shed some light on the subject?

J. Reynolds Topeka, KS

AJM - We searched the files on this one, Mr. Reynolds, and came up with The Cleveland Plain Dealer of September 5, 1967. The headlines on that day read "They're British - Not Martian." Six flying saucers were found scattered throughout England. These saucers weighed one hundred pounds, were silver gray and about four-and-a-half feet long, two-and-a-half feet wide and one-and-a-half feet thick. It was exposed as a hoax. Two young apprentices from the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farborough claimed they made them. You had me on this one.

MANY SEE PENNSYLVANIA MYSTERY OBJECT

A Bucknell University professor has two explainations for what some described as a UFO flying overhead the evening of February 5th, 1992.

David Lien said Thursday, the 6th, that the Soviet Space Station Mir would have been visible in the area at the time at least a dozen people reported sightings.

Also, Lewisburg residents reported seeing four jets flying over in a tight formation at about the same time, he said.

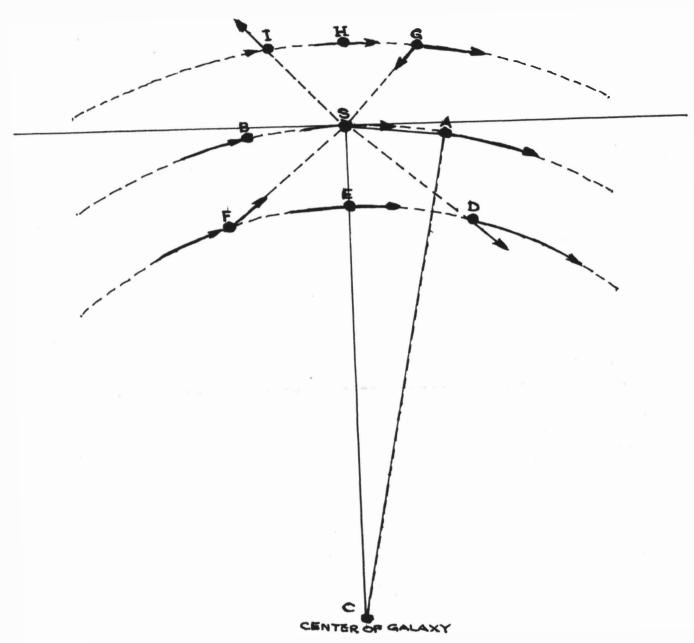
The jets would account for the rumbling and the pattern seen in the sky, he said.

Upon checking the space station's orbit, Lien said he found it would have been visible in this area from 6:47 to 6:50 p.m. The jets flew over Lewisburg at about 6:20 p.m., he said.

He said the space station is "as big as a house and reflects a lot of light." At a maximum height of 16 degrees above the horizon, "It would have looked like it had come out of the ground from the southeast, risen up into the sky and faded out all in about three minutes." Lien, who is Bucknell's observatory director, said no noise would have been associated with the space station sighting.

In our last issue we ran a letter from a UFO research group in Australia asking for help on a mysterious symbol seen by many abductees in that country. We ran a reproduction of it in the hopes that one of our readers would recognize it, and write in and report on it for us all.

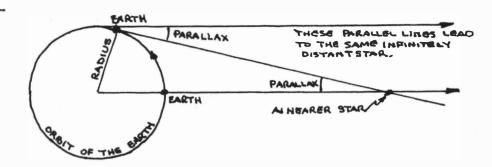
Well, we didn't think we would receive a reply from so close to home, but we promptly heard from one of UAPA's founding members and long-time UFO researcher, Mr. Elmer Schutt. Elmer agreed to diagram out his interpretation of the mystery symbol, and his illustrations follow on the next three pages:



REVOLUTION OF THE SUN AND STARS AROUND THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY (THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF STARS) IN SAGITTARIUS. THE CENTER IS MARKED C. S IS THE SUN, WITH ALL THE PLANGTS CLOSE AGAINST IT; AND A,B,D,E,F,G,H, AND I REPRESENT STARS IN DIRFERENT DIRECTIONS PROM US (FROM THE SUN). THOSE HEARER THE CENTER C THAN WE ARE MOVE FASTER THAN THE SUN; THOSE FARTHER OUT MOVE SLOWER THAN THE SUN, BY MEASURING THESE DIFFER ENCES IN SPEED WITH THE SPECTROSCOPE, OUR OWN SPEED CAN BE FOUND.

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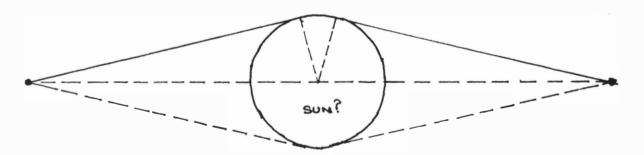
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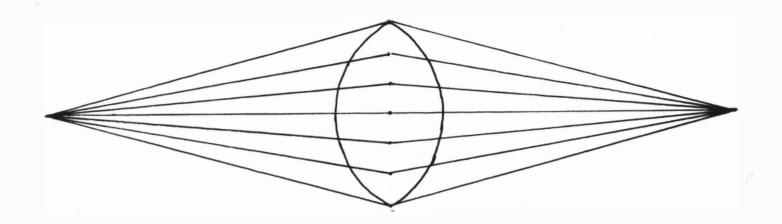
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SUPPOSITION TO THE EXPLANATION OF THE UNEXPLAINED SYMBOL



AFTER TRYING TO INTERPRET THE UNDEPLAINED SYMBOL, IN REGARDS TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE REVOLUTION OF THE SUN AND STARS AROUND THE GENTER OF THE GALAXY; WHEREAS THE STATEMENT SAYS, A, B, D, E, F,G, H, AND I REPRESENT STARS IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS FROM US (FROM THE SUN). COULD THIS SYMBOL BE COMPLETELY DRAWN AND INCLUDE THE ABOVE DIAGRAM TO CLOSELY REPRESENT THE UNDEPLAINED SYMBOL???



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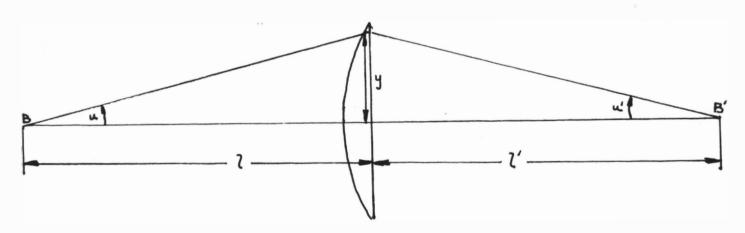
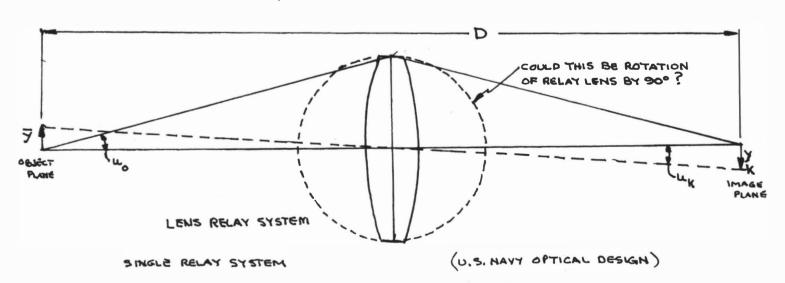


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AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick R. Hilberg

ABDUCTION CONFERENCE HELD AT MIT

A mid-June invitation-only meeting on UFO abductees caused quite a stir on campus at that well-known and respected institution. Staffer David Chandlers's report from the Boston $\underline{\mathsf{Globe}}$ news service report on June 14th follows:

There are hundreds of these people, and the stories they tell are strikingly similar, and similarly incredible: They were abducted by aliens, taken aboard a spaceship, poked, examined, sometimes scarred and eventually returned home.

For the most part, they don't speak publicly about these memories because of snickers they invariably elicit. But this weekend, in what may be the largest gathering ever of UFO abductees and the scientists and authors who study them, they will meet at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to discuss this phenomenon.

Sponsored by an MIT physicist and an Harvard psychiatrist, the closed, invitation-only conference is neither sanctioned nor endorsed by MIT, and all participants have signed a pledge swearing not to divulge what is said within its four days of sessions.

The meeting is intended to allow abductees and researchers to compare notes on experiences, how best to conduct such research, and how to help people troubled by memories they say they have of being abused by aliens. Because many of the 150 expected participants fear for their jobs if word of their involvement gets out, conference chairman David Pritchard, an MIT physicist, is trying to keep the whole thing under wraps.

While there has been talk that some MIT faculty members are unhappy about the conference, MIT news office director Kenneth Campbell said Friday that he was not aware of any controversy. Until $2\frac{1}{2}$ years ago, Harvard psychiatrist John Mack, co-chairman of the closed meeting, said he was skeptical of the whole idea of UFO abductions. "I gave it no credence at all," he said.

But after interviewing more than 60 people who say they have been kidnapped and experimented upon by aliens, he said "the information I've gotten from them is just staggering." They tell "very consistent and powerful stories," he said.

While the claims of consistency among the stories told by abductees convince some people, others give it little credence. MIT physics professor Philip Morrison, a leading advocate of a scientific search for extraterrestrial life, said humans live in the same cultural milieu and added he finds the reports of independently gathered accounts bearing striking similarities "a very faint argument indeed....I would find it very far from being evidence that there's something out there."

Most abduction stories are similar to the one told by Pat, a pseudonym. Pat said she was lying on her bed several years ago when she became aware of a blue beam of light in her room. She went outside and saw police cruisers at a nearby lot. That's when she found herself transported upward into a UFO, where she was examined on a table, her eye was cut with a knife, and she observed alien beings and children who appeared to be half-alien, half-human.

Clearly shaken by her recollections of the experience, which she remembered years later through hypnosis, she said during a recent appearance on the talk show "Nighttalk with Jane Whitney" that "I wish I could be a disbeliever."

"This is not like seeing Elvis at the K-Mart," Pat said defensively on the Whitney show. But, she said, her accounts and those of other abductees are typically greeted with snickers, making them feel they have been victimized twice. It was the anguish of people such as Pat that caught Mack's interest.

MICHIGAN MUFON MEMBERS DISMISS "EARTHQUAKE LIGHT" THEORY

Staffer Bill DiSessa of the Flint, Michigan $\underline{\text{JOURNAL}}$ filed the following in the paper's April 18th edition:

Local UFOlogists are unshaken by the latest theory debunking their belief that alien spacecraft visit Earth.

"It's nothing new at all," said Shirley Coyne, a Flushing Township resident and state director of the Mutual UFO Network Inc.

At a Seismological Society of America's meeting is Santa Fe, N.M., this week, U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist John S. Derr said some UFO sightings might be caused by "earthquake lights," mysterious orbs of electricity that foretell impending tremors.

Though many reports of unidentified flying objects turn out to be sightings of planets, meteors, satellites and even weather balloons, Derr said his study suggests another explanation for some sightings.

His study found dozens of UFO sightings in New Mexico in the early 1950s were clustered within 60 miles of the epicenters of three quakes that measured 4 to 5 on the Richter scale and happened less than a year after the sightings.

Derr believes the UFOs really were earthquake lights - basketball - sized glowing spheres of electricity identical to ball lighting but generated by crushing of rock or changes in ground-water flow as underground stress grows before an earthquake.

Coyne said MUFON accepts natural and man-made phenomena as explanations for some UFO sightings, but contended the latest report is an attempt to discredit sightings and UFOlogists' work.

"We can prove otherwise," said Coyne. "When you have color, metal and something that moves in a controlled manner, these are not earthquake lights."

MUFON has confirmed 35 UFO sightings in Michigan so far this year, with several other cases under investigation, she said.

"We don't believe all sightings are UFOs," she said. "We don't accept every sighting as fact."

MORE ON THE MIB

To those of us who were active ufologically in the 1960's its hard to forget the tremendous number of "Men In Black" cases that were reported from about late 1966 through 1968. Some may call them paranoia, but we ourselves were actually mixed-up in such a case in early 1968. In fact, it became part of one of our best-selling booklets of all time for our UFO Magazine Publications.

Anyway, the following account is by Paul Greenberg of the L.A.

<u>Times</u> Syndicate with a dateline of May 4th:

A professor of humanities and folklore at New York's Julliard School by the name of Peter Rojcewicz didn't tell anybody about his encounter with the Men in Black for years - for fear of how people

would react. The professor says he was reading quietly in the University of Pennsylvania library when his Man in Black descended on him-literally: "He sat down, like he had dropped from the ceiling - all in one movement..." and proceeded to talk about flying saucers. He was gaunt, pale, about 6-1, 140 pounds, and wore a black suit, black shoes, black string tie and a bright white shirt, according to the professor.

The solemn visitor proceeded to get miffed when the professor said he wasn't sure he was interested in UFOs. "Flying saucers are the most important fact of the century," the sinister figure screamed, "and you are not interested?"

"I tried to calm him," the professor recalls. He evidently succeeded because the Man in Black left in the same singular way he had arrived, but not before putting his hand on the professor's shoulder and saying, "Go on with your purpose."

One of the professor's purposes since his close encounter of the strange kind has been to seek out others who have had experiences with the Men in Black. Such meetings turn out to be numerous. He calls it the MIB experience and says hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others have encountered the visitors, often in sets of three, and mostly after sightings of UFOs. Now that his researches are being widely reported, we have this not-so-eerie feeling that even more MIB experiences will be recounted. Pyschologists call it the power of suggestion. Maybe a better name for it would be consciousness lowering.

I myself once encountered an MIB at the front door of the house distributing Bible tracts. He did not seem threatening, although his grammar was imperfect. (Only if his grammar had been absolutely perfect would he have seemed alien in American society.) Prof. Rojcewicz says the MIB phenomenon can be traced back to biblical times.

Well, Genesis does describe Abraham "as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him..." but the account doesn't mention the color of their garments. These three visitors didn't seem angry or threatening, as modern MIB are often described, and they even had a sense of humor. They told some improbable story about their host's nonagenarian spouse having a baby. (Father Abraham himself was no spring chicken at the time.)

If these were MIB, there were only two of them by the time they made it down the road to Lot's place. We know a guy who once got into a poker game with three men in black in the Army; it was not a profitable experience. It was more like Hobbes' view of life in a state of nature: poor, nasty, brutish and short.

According to the professor, "The Men in Black are part of the extraordinary-encounter continuum - fairies, monsters, ETs, energy forms, flying saucers, flaming crosses..." MIB usually come in threes, he adds, although they have been spotted in twos, fours, and ones. These days they may be carrying briefcases, another detail missing from the sketchy account in Genesis.

You can be sure somebody is working on the screenplay. Has Steven Spielberg heard about this? Or is he responsible for it? What great pre-release publicity this research would make for an other-worldly flick. I see Jack Nicholson, Jack Nicholson and Jack Nicholson in the title role of MIB, Gregory Peck or maybe Anthony Quinn as a contemporary Abraham, Maryl Streep as a spry Sarah, with the voice-over a good imitation of the late John Huston's, only with a little more of the stained-glass quality. Can't you hear the story conference now? "So these three guys drive up to Abe's sheep farm in a Porsche, see..."

It's enough to make you squirm even before the MIB arrive.

I happen to prefer my angels, like my tennis players, in regulation white but there's no dictating modern taste or the lack of it. Even the most respectable tennis courts are a riot of color. It's part of the Geraldo-ization of American taste. Then again, MIB may not prove as benign as angels; you might prefer meeting them in the Penn library than in a dark alley.

Oops, excuse me. I'm told there are three gentlemen out in the lobby waiting to pay me a call - and that they look like they've just come from a funeral.

WEIRDOLDGY

ON TROLL PATROL IN OHIO

This weirdie from UAPA's home turf was reported by staffer Deborah Winston of the Cleveland \underline{Plain} \underline{Dealer} on May 29th. While it most probably deals with a hobo or derelict, it goes to show how some people can turn the commonplace into the outre':

When the police work up a composite on a suspect - and let's just for argument's sake assume the suspect is a man - they have to rely on witnesses' recollections of what the quy looks like.

The cops want to know what he was wearing, his hair color and style, his race, if he had any unusual physical characteristics (an "I love Mom" tattoo on his right bicep, for instance), a guesstimate of his height and weight and a description of his facial features.

With that information, a police department is often able to come up with a sketch and a written description that can be distributed to the media with the hope that the suspect gets noticed and caught. It often works like a charm.

Well, imagine the reaction at the Bainbridge Police Department last week when they asked some fourth-grade girls to describe a suspicious man they said they'd seen in the woods near Kenston Intermediate School. The girls said he looked like a troll.

According to Police Chief James Jimison, the girls described the man in the woods as a hazed-eyed, stocky, white and about 30 to 40 years old with long red hair and a goatee. He wore nothing but deerskin shorts, handmade sandals and a long knife in a scabbard.

"If we see him, we'll sure recognize him," Jimison said.

Now, when Jimison first heard of troll sightings a week ago Monday, he thought it might be a bit hokey, but he took it seriously. He knows that parents get antsy when their young daughters start telling stories about strange men in the woods, particularly knife-toting trolls.

Last week, the department conducted a five-day stakeout near the school, monitoring activity around the building and in the woods behind it where paths lead to the Bainbridge and Kenston Lakes subdivisions.

Unfortunately, Operation Troll was a bust. No troll footprints, no remnants of troll campfires, no bridges, no nothing. It was as if some billy goats came in, infiltrated those woods and just drove that troll right out of town.

"Our investigation carried on through the end of last week and we tried to make it not known to the kids that the police were there,"

Jimison said. "We didn't see a thing."

Jimison said on one of the days when officers were hidden among the weeds and trees with binoculars, a young girl reported seeing a man in the woods. He said they searched the area, which was soggy from a recent rain, and found no trace of a troll, or anybody else for that matter.

Jimison said his department had not been able to track down the source of the first troll sighting because it occurred several days before a complaint was filed May 18. He suspects what's happened is that a girl probably saw a hobo or someone who lives nearby walking in the woods.

He theorizes that the child told a friend and she told two friends and so on and so on. Pretty soon, what may have been simply a disheveled man turned into something from the pages of "The Hobbit."

"It's like anything else, you can't discard anything anybody said, but we think this was just a story that escalated," he said. "Kids see things on TV, plus you've got a vivid imagination, plus you've got the concerns that are preached at home, by teachers, by police, by bus drivers - all to watch out for strangers."

Craig Phillips, principal of Kenston Intermediate, said playground supervisors continue to keep a watchful eye on the children.

"The bottom line is you want the kids to be safe and I'm glad the Police Department did what they did," Phillips said.

In the meantime, Bainbridge police will continue a scaled-down version of Operation Troll.

"You never say never because we're just waiting for the day to be driving down 306 and see some guy coming out of the woods," Jimison said. "We'll know him when we see him."

VAMPIRE REPORTS ABOUND IN THE PHILIPPINES

The following Associated Press dispatch of May 9th tells how "Vampire Fever" upstaged the recent presidential elections:

For weeks, the slums of Manila's Tondo district have been abuzz with rumors that a "manananggal," a supernatural creature similar to a vampire, has been terrorizing the area.

According to Filipino folklore, a "manananggal" (pronounced Ma-na-NANG-gal) appears as a woman who can cut her body in two. The top half flies around at night searching for babies to devour.

The top half must return before daybreak to rejoin the rest of the body and move around like regular folks.

Occult activities, including faith healing, fortune-telling and rampages by spiteful ghosts, enjoy a wide following in the Philippines and are often taken seriously.

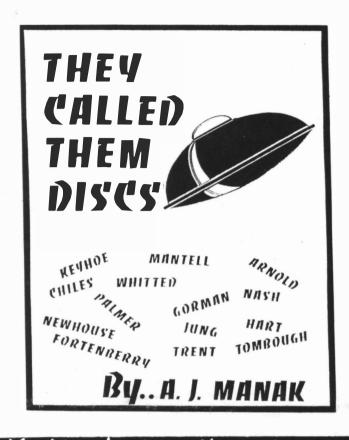
No one knows how the latest rumor got started, but it was picked up by most of the tabloids, which titillated readers with the demon's latest exploits.

Soon, the manananggal had replaced the May 11 presidential election as the hottest topic of gossip in local public markets, where housewives and vendors trade stories.

"It's scary," one housewife told a vendor in the crowded Divisoria market as she paid for fresh fish. "That's why I don't sleep alone at night."

The largest circulation tabloid, Peoples Journal Tonight, even published what it said was an interview with Martina Santa Rosa, who purportedly battled the demon last week. "She attacked me, half of her body was naked, she had long, scraggly hair, long arms, and sharp fangs."

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